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- I. **Call to Order:** The RDA meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 with Chairman Leigh Morris presiding.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Leigh Morris, Lou Martinez, Bill Joiner, Peter Novak, and Harley Snyder. Five members were present constituting a quorum.
- III. **Public Comment:** *None.*
- IV. **Consent Agenda from April 20, 2010 Board Meeting:** L. Martinez moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by B. Joiner. All were in favor and the consent agenda was approved.
  - a. **Minutes of the Board Meeting of 2/23/10:** **Approved**
  - b. **Minutes of the Working Group Meeting of 2/23/2010** **Approved**
  - c. **Minutes of the Special Session of 3/2/2010** **Approved**
  - d. **Treasurer's Report – March, 2010:** **Approved**
  - e. **Consultant Services Report:** **Approved**
  - f. **Sources and Uses Report:** **Approved**
  - g. **Executive Directors Report:** **Approved**
  - h. **Chairman's Report:** **Approved**
- V. **Consent Agenda for May 18, 2010 Board Meeting:** B. Joiner moved for approval of the consent agenda, seconded by H. Snyder. All were in favor and the consent agenda was approved.
  - a. **Minutes of the Board Meeting of 4/20/10:** **Approved**
  - b. **Consultant Services Report:** **Approved**
  - c. **Executive Directors Report:** **Approved**
  - d. **Chairman's Report:** **Approved**
- VI. **Action on Recommendations from Working Groups:** *None.*
  - a. **Public Comment:** *None.*
- VII. **Project Status Review:** The status of each of the Working Groups, expected outcomes, actions taken thus far, major issues, and current activities are outlined in the work plan review.
  - a. **Public Comment:** R. Fletcher commented on the RBA and his concerns regarding legal conciliation obtained by the RDA and the RBA re: the consent decree and provisions of the open door law. He also commented on additional concerns regarding the RBA.
 

Senator Randolph commented on the difficulties of the Cline Avenue alternative route and the rebuilding of Cline Avenue.
  - b. **Regional Bus Authority:**
    - i. **RBA Application for Financial Support:** Tim Brown presented the 2009 Performance Report re: GPTC. T. Brown also reported on the status of projects, grants, and programs:
      1. Northwest Indiana Transit System Report
      2. JARC/NEW Freedom Report
      3. ARRA Report
      4. 2007 RDA Grant
      5. Administrative Report

T. Brown reported that Everybody Counts donated to the RBA a Hammond Area Transit Survey, and they have obtained approximately 150 responses from the survey.

L. Martinez reported that the review of the GPTC application is currently underway, and consolidation efforts are going well.

- c. **Lakeshore Redevelopment:** Chris Meyers presented a brief update to the Board on the Gary Marquette Park East project. The completion of Phase I is scheduled for June 30, 2010; this phase addressed due diligence and the master plan. The City of Gary is anticipating moving into Phase II A, which is the contract to provide for professional and design services for the Father Marquette Monument base, the Aquatorium, and restoration of the Savannah.
- d. **Expansion of the Gary Chicago Airport:** L. Morris reported on the completion of the L&B Business Plan. The RDA is engaged in important dialogue with the City of Gary and the Airport Board.

Senator Randolph questioned the effects of the Cline Avenue changes and accessibility to the Gary/Chicago International Airport.

L. Morris stated that this is a matter of significant concern to the RDA. Productive discussions among INDOT and RDA are ongoing, and a systematic way of how we go about improving highway access to the Gary/Chicago International Airport. We have a task force looking at a variety of different alternatives, and INDOT is working collaboratively with the RDA and others to make this happen.

- e. **Extension of South Shore Commuter Service:** H. Snyder reported on the expansion of services of the Westlake Corridor. There are ongoing meetings between NICTD and the RDA. NICTD confirms that ridership remains stable. Through conversations they looked at the possibility of phasing the project over several years. NICTD staff will be exploring these options with a report to follow by the end of CY 2010.

**VIII. Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Public Comment:** *None.*
- b. **Buy Northwest Indiana:** B. Hanna reported on the Buy Northwest Indiana document provided as an attachment to the Board. The RDA did not feel that they could ask for compliance on a restrictive basis. However, it will go along with MBE/WBE and Buy Indiana compliance, encouraging that purchases be made from northwest Indiana businesses and employment consist of residents in Lake and Porter Counties. The Compliance Consultant will report back to the Board on a quarterly basis regarding this document.

B. Hanna would like to have the RDA attorney review for references to Indiana code and executive orders from the governor regarding Buy Indiana policies.

B. Joiner moved to approve the Buy Northwest Indiana language with a second by P. Novak. All were in favor of the motion and the Board approved the language subject to legal review.

- c. **Other:** *None.*

**IX. New Business:**

- a. **Public Comment:** *None*

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- b. Review of 2010/2011 Planning Calendar:** L. Morris stated that this is the RDA's yearlong efforts. If there are any suggestions the staff should be informed and the calendar updated.

Senator Randolph proposed moving legislative business to an earlier date to avoid time constraints. This business will be rescheduled for a month earlier.

C. Meyers invited the RDA to hold an upcoming Board meeting at the recreation pavilion.

- c. Other:** *None.*

**X. Other Business:** *None.*

- a. Public Comment:** *None.*

- b. Other:** *None.*

**XI. Future Meeting Planning:**

- a. 6/22/2010:** Porter County, IN
- b. 7/20/2010:** Purdue Technology Center

**XII. General Public Comment:** Senator Randolph commented on the NICTD extension.

K. Davidson commented on Marquette Plan promises re: job creation, economic growth and the improvement of the quality of life for the residents of northwest Indiana. In addition, he suggested the Board assess where these projects have taken northwest Indiana in relation to these goals measured up against the spending of a half a billion dollars. He also raised a concern regarding the RDA statute and the provision related to the appointment of Board members re: Board members living in a county from which he/she was appointed.

R. Fletcher commented on the consent decree and Attorney Hollenbeck's involvement in RBA/RDA legal matters.

L. Morris asked co-council G. White to assess whether there are legal concerns that should be addressed by the RDA. D. Hollenbeck does not participate in legal matters as they relate to the RBA to avoid any conflicts of interests.

**XIII. Adjournment:** Without further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jillian Huber on June 3, 2010

Amended made 9-30-2010 by Gayle Argenzio

2 occurrences of dissent decree changed to consent decree